



USPS published two final rules in the Federal Register

New Mailing Standards for Domestic Mailing Services Products

Today the final rule New Mailing Standards for Domestic Mailing Services Products Federal Register Notice for the January 2014 price change was published. It is on the Federal Register [site](#) and on *Postal Explorer*® pe.usps.com under the Federal Register Notices link on the left-hand side.

This final rule contains revisions to the Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®) to accompany the price adjustments filed with the PRC on September 26, including new pricing eligibility for retail and commercial nonpresorted First-Class Mail® letters, several mail classification changes, and some condensing of current standards for Periodicals publications.

The effective date is January 26, 2014.

New Standards to Enhance Package Visibility

Today the final rule New Standards to Enhance Package Visibility was posted. It is on the Federal Register [site](#) and on *Postal Explorer*® pe.usps.com under the Federal Register Notices link on the left-hand side.

Mailing standards currently require an Intelligent Mail® package barcode (IMpb) on all commercial parcels, except Standard Mail® parcels, claiming presort or destination-entry prices and all parcels of any class including tracking, and all mailpieces of any shape requesting extra services. We are now implementing new standards requiring an IMpb on all remaining commercial parcels, and requiring the transmission of supporting electronic documentation, including piece-level address or ZIP+4® Code information, to the USPS®.

Included in these new requirements is a per-piece price adjustment of 20 cents for mailpieces that do not comply with the IMpb standards. This price adjustment will become effective for Shipping Services (Competitive) products on January 26, 2014. In addition, we intend to apply the noncompliance price adjustment to Mailing Services (Market Dominant) mailpieces at a future date, after filing with, and receiving approval from, the PRC.

The *Domestic Mail Manual* (DMM®) and DMM Advisories are available on *Postal Explorer*® (pe.usps.com)

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